



SPECIAL LUNCHTIME SESSION

What the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights mean for investment treaty reform

DATE: 16 March 2016

TIME: 13:30 – 15:00

VENUE: Room XXVI

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) elaborate the State duty to protect human rights in the context of business activities, including international investment. The UNGPs also describe the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, which applies to all companies in all contexts and all business activities, including when they operate abroad.

So what does this all mean for how home and host States implement the policies and practices that support, facilitate, regulate and protect investment? Specifically, what implications do the UNGPs have for international investment treaty reform? How does investment policy reform relate to the UNGPs third pillar on access to remedy for people adversely impacted by business activities?

These are some of the questions addressed in a new publication from the Investment & Human Rights Project at the London School of Economics Laboratory for Advanced Research on the Global Economy. Please join us for a special lunchtime session hosted by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights that will aim to address these and other questions related to the UNGPs and investment policy reform.

Presenters:

1. Lene Wendland, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
2. Andrea Saldarriaga, LSE Investment & Human Rights Project Lead, What the UNGPs mean for investment treaty reform
3. Dr. Joshua Curtis, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool, discussant

An interactive debate will follow the initial presentations.

SANDWICHES WILL BE PROVIDED